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Applicants:

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Methods and Compositions for Degradation and/or Inhibition of HER-

Family Tyrosine Kinases

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the calculation of the filing fee for the national phase application which is filed herewith, please make the following amendments:

In the specification:

On Page 1, after the Title, insert:

This application is a continuation of International Application No.

PCT/US00/09512, filed April 7, 2000, which claims the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/128,593 filed April 9, 1999.

On Page 2, please amend the partial paragraph starting on line 21 to read a follows:

HER-family transmembrane receptor tyrosine kinases play an important role in transducing extracellular growth signals and when activated can be oncogenic. Tzahar, et al., *Biochim Biophys Acta* 1377, M25-37 (1998); Ross, et al., *Stem Cells* 16, 413-428 (1998). Overexpression of HER1 and HER2 occurs in a variety of human malignancies. Amplification of the HER2 gene is a common event in human breast and other carcinomas and, in breast cancer, is